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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CPRS, RO  
SUBJ: PROPERTY CLAIMS (GENERAL INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE)  
REF: A879 OF FEB 23, 1977

1. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL REPLY TO REFERENCED AIRGRAM. DESPITE REPEATED INQUIRIES TO APPROPRIATE GOR AUTHORITIES, EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN CERTAIN KINDS OF INFORMATION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS INQUIRY AND FORWARD INFO IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. SECTION I. IN 1960, U.S. AND ROMANIA SIGNED AGREEMENT SETTLING CLAIMS OF US NATIONALS AGAINST ROMANIA ARISING OUT OF WORLD WAR II DAMAGES, NATIONALIZATION AND COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL DEBTS.  
SECTION II. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE COPY OF 1960 AGREEMENT; PERHAPS LEGAL DIVISION CAN PROVIDE REQUESTED INFO.

3. PERTINENT LAW IS FOREIGN EXCHANGE LAW 210 OF 1969: EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN REPLIES AS YET TO ANY OF QUESTIONS GIVEN IN EITHER SUBSECTION A OR B.

4. CONFISCATED PROPERTY:  
A. PROPERTY TAKEN BEFORE 1945: EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO PROPERTY CLAIMS INVOLVING PROPERTY TAKEN BEFORE 1945.  
B. PROPERTY TAKEN SINCE 1945: FOR U.S. CITIZENS, EMBASSY  
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WILL CONTACT ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE REGARDING DATE OF CONFISCATION, PRESENT STATUS OF PROPERTY AND AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION OFFERED IF US CITIZEN WILL SUPPLY FOLLOWING INFO: PROPERTY LOCATION; NAME PROPERTY WAS LISTED IN. DOCUMENTATION TO BE INCLUDED SHOULD BE PROOF OF PRIOR OWNERSHIP, PROOF OF US CITIZENSHIP AND PROOF OF PRIOR VALUATION IF US CITIZEN WISHES TO PRESS CLAIM FOR MORE THAN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF

COMPENSATION SET BY LAW. EMBASSY MAKES NO CHARGE FOR SUCH INQUIRIES. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN FROM MINFINANCE INFO AS TO HOW GO ABOUT DETERMINING IF TAXES OR OTHER LIENS ARE DUE.

5. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY STILL OWNED BY US CITIZENS:  
EMBASSY STILL ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN THIS INFO. FROM DECREE 223/1974, HOWEVER IT APPEARS THAT US CITIZENS CAN SELL PROPERTY ONLY TO THE STATE, NOT TO RELATIVES OR OUTSIDE PURCHASERS.  
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6. FYI: MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION ESTABLISHED BY DECREE 223/1974 IS 40,000 LEI (APPROXIMATELY US \$3,200) FOR URBAN PROPERTIES AND 20,000 LEI FOR RURAL PROPERTIES. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOR HAS AGREED TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED BY DECREE 223. (GRANTING OF GSP TO ROMANIA WAS CONDITIONED ON AGREEMENT TO MAKE EXCEPTIONS). TO DATE, HOWEVER, GOR HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE NEW GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING DECREE 223 SO FAR AS CLAIMS FROM US CITIZENS ARE CONCERNED.  
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